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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claim 1 has been amended to correct an error made in the response filed January 27, 2003. In the response filed January 27, 2003, the substituents for R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ in claim 1 were mistakenly broadened in order to correspond to the definitions of R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ provided in claim 27.

Claim 27 has been canceled and redrafted as claim 42 for clarification purposes. The variables R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, and R₅ recited in claim 27 have been amended to refer to R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, and R₅ in new claim 42.

Claim 35 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

These amendments add no new matter and are supported by the claims as originally filed. Applicants submit that no additional search or examination is required as the subject matter of claims 1, 35, and 42 was present in the claims as filed and was already searched. These amendments were not presented earlier as applicants became aware of the errors during a review of the file for payment of the issue fee. The claims as amended are patentable for the reasons of record, *i.e.*, they are directed to novel and non-obvious methods invented by the applicants of record. As these amendments do not add new matter, their entry is earnestly solicited.

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